

Subject: Request for an interview - FDA warning letter and UCSD audit report  
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Good afternoon Dr. Zhang,

My name is Brad Racino and I'm a reporter in San Diego with [inewssource](http://inewssource.org).

I reached out to a UCSD public information officer 10 days ago to ask to arrange an interview with you about the 2017 FDA warning letter you received and the resulting UCSD Ophthalmology Human Subjects Research Compliance report. The UCSD spokesman said he has not made progress getting in touch with you, so I am now trying.

I've provided both the FDA and UCSD report to five experts around the country, including bioethicists at Harvard and a former senior leader at OHRP, for their opinion. They were all troubled by the findings.

I will be writing a story about this and would like to interview you. I understand you may still be out of the country, but if you are not back in San Diego and available by next Thursday, April 11, I would offer a phone interview in place of an in-person interview.

Please let me know if this can be arranged. I appreciate your response.

I am CC'ing Dr. Weinreb who may also wish to respond to this, or offer his own statements in an interview.

Thank you.

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